

**2003-04**

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## News & Notes

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### NEC Women's Basketball

#### Facts & Figures

#### Last Week's Results

**Monday, February 23**ST. FRANCIS (PA) 81, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 60  
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 90, ROBERT MORRIS 57  
SACRED HEART 64, QUINNIPAC 53**Thursday, February 26**ST. FRANCIS (NY) 65, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST. 46  
SACRED HEART 99, MONMOUTH 94 (2 OT)  
ST. FRANCIS (PA) 64, WAGNER 61**Saturday, February 28**ROBERT MORRIS 73, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST. 54  
ST. FRANCIS (NY) 65, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 54  
LONG ISLAND 56, MONMOUTH 51  
WAGNER 66, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 57  
ST. FRANCIS (PA) 96, QUINNIPAC 89**Monday, March 1**ST. FRANCIS (NY) 58, LONG ISLAND 57 (OT)  
ST. FRANCIS (PA) 64, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST. 60  
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 69, MONMOUTH 66  
SACRED HEART 81, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 71  
QUINNIPAC 62, ROBERT MORRIS 48

Home Team Underlined

#### Choice Hotels

##### NEC Player of the Week

Nov. 24 Beth Swink, SFPA  
Dec. 1 Beth Swink, SFPA  
Dec. 8 Carrie Walker, WC  
Dec. 15 Vanessa Wyffels, WC  
Dec. 22 Ashlee Kelly, QU  
Jan. 5 Beth Swink, SFPA  
Jan. 12 Beth Swink, SFPA  
Jan. 19 Ashlee Kelly, QU  
Jan. 26 Ashley Linscott, WC  
Feb. 2 Beth Swink, SFPA  
Feb. 9 Niamh Dwyer, MU  
Feb. 16 Sara Esidore, QU  
Feb. 23 Adrienne Harris, MSM  
Mar. 1 Beth Swink, SFPA

#### Choice Hotels

##### NEC Rookie of the Week

Nov. 24 Gabriella Gueghelet, CCSU  
Dec. 1 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Dec. 8 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Dec. 15 Krystal Pressley, QU  
Dec. 22 Krystal Pressley, QU  
Jan. 5 Kelli Sawyer, LIU  
Jan. 12 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Jan. 19 Gabriella Gueghelet, CCSU  
Jan. 26 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Feb. 2 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Feb. 9 Krystal Pressley, QU  
Feb. 16 Kelli Sawyer, LIU  
Feb. 23 Amanda Pape, SHU  
Mar. 1 Amanda Pape, SHU

### 2004 NEC Women's Basketball Tournament

March 5, 7 (at Wagner), March 13 (at highest seed)

**Friday, March 5**  
*Quarterfinals*

12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00 pm

**Sunday, March 7**  
*Semifinals*

12:00 pm, 2:30 pm

**Saturday, March 13**  
*Championship*

2:00 pm (Fox-NY)

### NEC Website

For all the latest news, scores, statistics and notes, visit the NEC website at [www.northeastconference.org](http://www.northeastconference.org)

Standings and statistics are updated daily.

### Northeast Conference Women's Basketball

#### (Through End of Regular Season)

	School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1.	St. Francis (PA) * &	18-0	1.000	22-5	.815	W17	10-2	12-3	0-0
2.	Sacred Heart *	14-4	.778	20-7	.741	W5	14-0	5-7	1-0
3.	Quinnipiac *	11-7	.611	17-10	.630	W1	9-3	8-7	0-0
	Monmouth *	11-7	.611	15-12	.556	L3	7-4	7-7	1-1
5.	Fairleigh Dickinson *	10-8	.556	13-14	.481	W1	6-5	7-8	0-1
6.	Long Island *	8-10	.444	11-16	.407	L1	6-8	4-8	1-0
	Wagner *	8-10	.444	11-16	.407	W1	5-8	6-8	0-0
	Mount St. Mary's *	8-10	.444	9-18	.333	L2	5-9	4-7	0-2
9.	St. Francis (NY)	7-11	.389	8-19	.296	W3	6-7	2-11	0-1
10.	Central Connecticut State	2-16	.111	4-23	.148	L6	2-10	1-11	1-2
	Robert Morris	2-16	.111	3-24	.111	L1	3-11	0-13	0-0

&amp; NEC Regular Season Champions \* NEC Tournament Participant

### Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Week

**Beth Swink, St. Francis (PA)****Jr., C, 6-2, Connellsville, PA / Connellsville**

Swink led the Red Flash to three wins last week to remain unbeaten in the NEC with a 17-0 league mark. The junior earns her NEC-best sixth *Choice Hotels* NEC Player of the Week honor after averaging 26.3 points and 9.3 rebounds, while shooting 66.7 percent (32-48) from the field and 78.9 percent (15-19) from the charity stripe. Swink captured two more double-double on the season with 30 points and 10 boards versus Fairleigh Dickinson and 26 points and 11 rebounds at Wagner. The junior finished the week with 23 points, seven rebounds and three assists against Quinnipiac. The Red Flash center has led the NEC in scoring nearly the entire season and currently posts a 21.7 scoring average. She also ranks second in the league in rebounding (10.2 rpg), second in field-goal percentage (59.5%) and fourth in free-throw accuracy (80.1%).

### Choice Hotels NEC Rookie of the Week

**Amanda Pape, Sacred Heart****Fr., G, 5-8, Stamford, CT / Trinity Catholic**

Pape earns her seventh rookie award, one off the league record set by Long Island's Kim MacMillan in the 1999-00 season, after averaging 20.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 2.5 steals and was a remarkable 22-26 from the free-throw line (84.6%) in two Pioneers wins. The freshman collected 17 points, five boards and three assists in a victory over intra-state rival Quinnipiac. In the double-overtime win at Monmouth, Pape netted a team-best 23 points, eight rebounds, four assists, four steals and a block. The Stamford, CT product has seven 20-point games this season and has reached double-figures in seven-straight. Pape leads all freshman and ranks seventh in the league in scoring (15.0 ppg), seventh in field-goal percentage (50.0%) and second in steals (2.54 spg).



### Tournament Games

#### NEC TOURNAMENT

**Friday, March 5 at Wagner College**

#1 ST. FRANCIS (PA) vs. #8 MOUNT ST. MARY'S 12:00 pm  
#4 QUINNIPAC vs. #5 FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 2:30 pm  
#2 SACRED HEART vs. #7 LONG ISLAND 5:30 pm  
#3 MONMOUTH vs. #6 WAGNER 8:00 pm

**Sunday, March 7 at Wagner College**

#1/8 vs. #4/5 (Cablevision) 12:00 pm  
#2/7 vs. #3/6 2:30 pm

**Saturday, March 13 at Highest Seed**

NEC CHAMPIONSHIP (FOX-NY) 2:00 pm



# 2003-04 NEC Women's Basketball Schedule

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## Central Connecticut State

(4-23, 2-16 NEC)

N 21-22	at Eastern Michigan Tournament	
N 21	vs. Mercer	L, 56-68
N 22	vs. Lamar	W, 73-61
N 28	at Pittsburgh	L, 59-75
D 3	Harvard	L, 47-94
D 5-6	at Stetson Tournament	
D 5	at Stetson	W, 52-49
D 6	vs. Ohio Univ.	L, 56-76
D 10	Boston University	L, 49-79
D 13	QUINNIPIAC	L, 61-82
D 20	at Vermont	L, 44-65
D 29	at Hartford	L, 43-55
J 8	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 51-66
J 17	at LONG ISLAND	L, 43-61
J 19	WAGNER	W, 67-63
J 22	at MONMOUTH	L, 53-59
J 24	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 43-65
J 26	at WAGNER	L, 43-45
J 29	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 64-72
J 31	at SACRED HEART	L, 51-89
F 7	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 48-90
F 9	MONMOUTH	L, 49-57
F 14	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 60-53
F 16	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 56-71
F 19	at QUINNIPIAC	L, 62-70
F 21	SACRED HEART (Metro)	L, 50-65
F 26	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 46-65
F 28	at ROBERT MORRIS	L, 54-73
M 1	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 60-64

## Fairleigh Dickinson

(13-14, 10-8 NEC)

N 21	at Brown	L, 52-69
N 26	Towson	W, 78-71
N 30	at Albany	W, 66-59
D 6	at Boston Univ.	PPD
D 9	LONG ISLAND	W, 62-47
D 20-21	at Pepperdine Tournament	
D 20	at Pepperdine	L, 54-77
D 21	vs. Florida State	L, 77-88
D 28	at Boston Univ.	L, 64-78
D 31	at Yale	W, 78-69
J 3	Lehigh	L, 58-65
J 5	Bucknell	L, 65-67
J 8	WAGNER	L, 64-70
J 10	at SACRED HEART	L, 67-78
J 12	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 74-80 (OT)
J 15	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 50-69
J 17	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 73-61
J 22	at QUINNIPIAC	L, 45-71
J 24	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 65-43
J 28	at MONMOUTH	W, 67-60
F 4	at WAGNER	W, 68-51
F 7	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 90-48
F 9	QUINNIPIAC	L, 75-83
F 14	MOUNT ST. MARY'S (Metro)	W, 79-61
F 18	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 71-55
F 21	at LONG ISLAND	W, 66-42
F 23	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 60-81
F 28	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 54-65
M 1	MONMOUTH	W, 69-66
M 5&7	NEC Quarterfinals & Semifinals @ Wagner	
M 13	NEC Championship at Highest Seed	2:00 pm

## Long Island

(11-16, 8-10 NEC)

N 21	at Colgate	L, 63-68
N 28-29	LIU Invitational	
N 28	Southern Illinois	W, 64-48
N 29	Arkansas St.	L, 64-65
D 2	at Columbia	L, 62-66
D 5	Virginia	L, 59-76
D 9	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 47-62
D 12-13	at Cyclone Classic	
D 12	vs. Utah Valley	W, 62-46
D 13	vs. Iowa St.	L, 53-79
D 18	Loyola-Chicago	L, 43-53
D 30	at New Orleans	W, 53-51
J 8	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 45-69
J 10	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 51-46
J 15	QUINNIPIAC	L, 57-64
J 17	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 61-43
J 21	WAGNER	L, 59-81
J 24	at SACRED HEART	L, 52-75
J 27	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 57-52
J 29	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 46-43
J 31	ST. FRANCIS (PA) (Cablevision)	L, 36-63
F 4	at QUINNIPIAC	L, 37-69
F 9	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 60-54
F 14	SACRED HEART	W, 62-57
F 16	at WAGNER	W, 69-66 (OT)
F 19	at MONMOUTH (Cablevision)	L, 48-52
F 21	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 42-66
F 28	MONMOUTH	W, 56-51
M 1	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 57-58 (OT)
M 5&7	NEC Quarterfinals & Semifinals @ Wagner	
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## Monmouth

(15-12, 11-7 NEC)

N 22	Norfolk State	W, 60-51
N 25	at Rider	W, 68-60
N 29-30	Best Western Roundball Classic @ USF	
N 29	vs. UMKC	L, 52-76
N 30	vs. Akron	W, 57-40
D 3	Iona	W, 63-53
D 7	at Columbia	L, 77-84 (OT)
D 10	at St. Peter's	L, 37-68
D 20	at George Mason	L, 63-78
J 4	at #21 Auburn	L, 38-59
J 8	at SACRED HEART	L, 50-70
J 10	at WAGNER (Metro)	W, 77-60
J 15	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 59-49
J 17	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 45-58
J 22	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 59-53
J 24	at QUINNIPIAC	W, 58-54
J 28	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 60-67
J 31	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 104-100 (3 OT)
F 2	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 66-57 (OT)
F 7	QUINNIPIAC	W, 81-72
F 9	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 57-49
F 11	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 71-54
F 16	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 54-81
F 19	LONG ISLAND (Cablevision)	W, 53-48
F 21	ST. FRANCIS (NY) (Ritacco Center)	W, 69-49
F 26	SACRED HEART	L, 94-99 (2 OT)
F 28	at LONG ISLAND	L, 51-56
M 1	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 66-69
M 5&7	NEC Quarterfinals & Semifinals @ Wagner	
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## Mount St. Mary's

(9-18, 8-10 NEC)

N 21	Radford	L, 62-69
N 25-26	at Great Alaska Shoot-Out	
N 25	at Alaska-Anchorage	L, 59-61
N 26	vs. Brigham Young	L, 47-70
D 1	Rider	W, 74-66
D 3	American	L, 62-72
D 13	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 61-47
D 20	Virginia Commonwealth	L, 50-63
D 30-31	at Lehigh Christmas City Classic	
D 30	vs. Mississippi	L, 64-81
D 31	vs. Lehigh	L, 83-86 (2 OT)
J 2	Towson	L, 65-68
J 8	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 66-51
J 10	at QUINNIPIAC	L, 65-75
J 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 80-74 (OT)
J 15	WAGNER	L, 72-75
J 17	SACRED HEART	L, 58-64
J 22	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 64-48
J 24	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 77-86
J 29	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 72-64
J 31	MONMOUTH	L, 100-104 (3 OT)
F 7	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 64-57
F 9	LONG ISLAND	L, 54-60
F 14	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (Metro)	L, 61-79
F 16	at MONMOUTH	W, 81-54
F 21	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 66-89
F 23	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 90-57
F 28	at WAGNER	L, 57-66
M 1	at SACRED HEART	L, 71-81
M 5&7	NEC Quarterfinals & Semifinals @ Wagner	
M 13	NEC Championship at Highest Seed	2:00 pm

## Quinnipiac

(17-10, 11-7 NEC)

N 21	Yale	W, 67-63
N 25	at Hofstra	L, 62-65
N 30	at Northeastern	L, 49-74
D 3	New Hampshire	W, 82-76
D 9	Hartford	W, 72-66
D 13	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 82-61
D 21	at Colgate	W, 84-77
D 27	at George Washington	L, 54-76
J 5	at Lafayette	W, 78-62
J 10	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 75-65
J 13	Harvard	W, 76-67
J 15	at LONG ISLAND	W, 64-57
J 17	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 83-97
J 22	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 71-45
J 24	MONMOUTH	L, 54-58
J 29	SACRED HEART	L, 65-75
J 31	at WAGNER	W, 64-61
F 4	LONG ISLAND	W, 69-37
F 7	at MONMOUTH	L, 72-81
F 9	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 83-75
F 12	ROBERT MORRIS (Cablevision)	W, 70-54
F 14	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 55-57
F 19	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 70-62
F 21	WAGNER	W, 54-49
F 23	at SACRED HEART	L, 53-64
F 28	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 89-96
M 1	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 62-48
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## Robert Morris (3-24, 2-16 NEC)

N 21	Navy	L, 58-68
N 23	at Duquesne	L, 63-66
N 29	Seton Hill	W, 72-36
D 2	Towson	L, 53-73
D 6	at West Virginia	L, 43-77
D 13	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 55-82
D 16	Cleveland State	L, 55-74
D 19	Pittsburgh	L, 47-61
D 28	at Army	L, 58-70
J 2	at Akron	L, 54-55
J 8	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 67-77
J 10	LONG ISLAND	L, 46-51
J 15	at MONMOUTH	L, 49-59
J 17	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 61-73
J 22	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 48-64
J 26	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 60-76
J 29	at LONG ISLAND	L, 43-46
J 31	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 50-52
F 2	MONMOUTH	L, 57-66
F 7	WAGNER	L, 51-56
F 9	SACRED HEART	W, 63-58
F 12	at QUINNIPIAC (Cablevision)	L, 54-70
F 14	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	L, 53-60
F 17	at SACRED HEART	L, 55-66
F 23	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 57-90
F 28	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 73-54
M 1	QUINNIPIAC	L, 48-62

## Sacred Heart (20-7, 14-4 NEC)

N 21	Massachusetts	W, 61-46
N 25	Lafayette	W, 92-59
N 28&30	at Maryland Tournament	
N 28	at Maryland	L, 49-90
N 30	vs. LA-Lafayette	W, 75-60
D 3	Yale	W, 79-68
D 6	Princeton	W, 71-47
D 13	at WAGNER	L, 62-72
D 21	at #25 Boston College	L, 49-94
J 4	at Brown	L, 62-75
J 8	MONMOUTH	W, 70-50
J 10	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 78-67
J 13	WAGNER	W, 70-56
J 17	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 64-58
J 20	Columbia	W, 76-57
J 22	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 69-50
J 24	LONG ISLAND	W, 75-52
J 29	at QUINNIPIAC	W, 75-65
J 31	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 89-51
F 2	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 82-69
F 7	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 55-87
F 9	at ROBERT MORRIS	L, 58-63
F 14	at LONG ISLAND	L, 57-62
F 17	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 66-55
F 21	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST. (Metro)	W, 65-50
F 23	QUINNIPIAC	W, 64-53
F 26	at MONMOUTH	W, 99-94 (2 OT)
M 1	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 81-71
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## St. Francis (NY) (8-19, 7-11 NEC)

N 21-22	at Vermont Tournament	
N 21	at Vermont	L, 51-72
N 22	vs. South Alabama	L, 54-61
N 25	Columbia	L, 56-64
D 3	MD-Eastern Shore	W, 56-48
D 7	at St. Bonaventure	L, 40-88
D 13	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 47-61
D 17	at Rider	L, 54-90
D 20	LaSalle	L, 53-67
D 28	New Hampshire	L, 47-63
D 31	at Navy	L, 53-79
J 8	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 77-67
J 10	at ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 59-104
J 17	QUINNIPIAC	W, 97-83
J 22	SACRED HEART	L, 50-69
J 24	at WAGNER (Metro)	L, 66-79
J 27	at LONG ISLAND	L, 52-57
J 29	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	L, 51-73
J 31	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 52-50
F 2	at SACRED HEART	L, 69-82
F 7	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	L, 57-64
F 11	MONMOUTH	L, 54-71
F 14	WAGNER	W, 67-51
F 18	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L, 55-71
F 21	at MONMOUTH (Ritacco Center)	L, 49-69
F 26	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 65-46
F 28	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 65-54
M 1	LONG ISLAND	W, 58-57 (OT)

## St. Francis (PA) (22-5, 18-0 NEC)

N 21	at North Carolina-Chapel Hill	L, 44-80
N 23	at North Carolina-Greensboro	W, 80-55
N 25	Cornell	W, 86-47
N 30	at St. Bonaventure	W, 84-77
D 13	at ROBERT MORRIS	W, 82-55
D 16	Canisius	L, 79-84
D 20	at Howard	W, 98-73
D 22	at Georgetown	L, 63-71
D 31	at Xavier	L, 64-70
J 3	Niagara	L, 73-86
J 8	LONG ISLAND	W, 69-45
J 10	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 104-59
J 15	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 69-50
J 17	at MONMOUTH	W, 58-45
J 24	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 86-77
J 26	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 76-60
J 29	at ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W, 73-51
J 31	at LONG ISLAND (Cablevision)	W, 63-36
F 7	SACRED HEART	W, 87-55
F 9	WAGNER	W, 79-52
F 14	at QUINNIPIAC	W, 57-55
F 16	at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 71-56
F 21	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 89-66
F 23	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 81-60
F 26	at WAGNER	W, 64-61
F 28	QUINNIPIAC	W, 96-89
M 1	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W, 64-60
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## Wagner (11-16, 8-10 NEC)

N 21	South Florida	L, 48-64
N 23	Colgate	L, 54-64
N 29	at Iona	W, 93-77
D 3	Lafayette	W, 71-60
D 7	at Marquette	L, 59-67
D 13	SACRED HEART	W, 72-62
D 17	at Princeton	L, 44-65
D 20	at Virginia	L, 53-87
D 28	at Manhattan	W, 67-58
D 30	Boston Univ.	L, 68-69
J 8	at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 70-64
J 10	MONMOUTH (Metro)	L, 60-77
J 13	at SACRED HEART	L, 56-70
J 15	at MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 75-72
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(through games of March 1)



**WAGNER TO HOST NEC TOURNAMENT, AGAIN!**

Wagner College on Staten Island, NY hosts the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the Northeast Conference Tournament in 2004. The first two rounds of the eight team tournament will take place on Friday and Sunday, March 5 & 7. The championship game will tip-off at the home of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 pm on Fox Sports-New York. It marks the second time that Wagner has hosted the NEC Women's Tournament. The first time was in 1999 when the school held all three rounds at the newly-opened Spiro Sports Center.

**FLASH STREAK**

With 17 wins in a row entering the NEC Tournament, St. Francis (PA) holds the second longest active winning streak in the nation. Chattanooga currently has the longest streak of 23 straight victories.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WINNING STREAKS (CURRENT)**

Rank	Team	Next Opponent	Streak
1.	Chattanooga	To Be Determined	23
2.	<b>St. Francis (Pa.)</b>	<b>Mt. St. Mary's</b>	<b>17</b>
3.	Liberty	at Winthrop	14
	Louisiana Tech	vs Rice	14
5.	Loyola Marymount	To Be Determined	13
	Montana	vs Eastern Wash.	13
7.	Miami (Ohio)	vs Kent St.	12
	Old Dominion	vs William & Mary	12
	Rice	at Louisiana Tech	12
10.	Alabama St.	vs Grambling	11

**RED FLASH SEEKS EIGHTH TITLE**

St. Francis (PA) has won seven of the last eight NEC Championships and has appeared in nine of the last ten title matchups. The Red Flash strung together five-consecutive crowns from 1996-2000, and are on a current two-year championship run, having claimed the league title in 2002 & 2003. St. Francis (PA) seeks an unprecedented eighth NEC Championship.

**QUINNIPIAC'S KELLY IS 1000-1000 STRONG**

Quinnipiac senior center **Ashlee Kelly (Pittsburgh, PA)** became only the ninth player in NEC history to grab 1,000 career boards and now has 1,053 to lead all active players in the conference. The center is also the second leading active scorer, behind FDU's **Natallia Marchanka**, with 1,522 career points. Kelly is one of only eight NEC stars to reach 1,000 and 1,000. The last to do so was Jinea Butler of Long Island in 1997.

**FDU'S MARCHANKA CLIMB UP THE SCORING CHART**

Fairleigh Dickinson senior guard **Natallia Marchanka (Rechitsa, Belarus)** became the newest member of the NEC's 1,600-point club on Feb. 21 versus LIU. Marchanka is the league's fourth-leading scorer at 16.6 ppg after leading the league last season at 18.3 ppg. Marchanka now has 1,652 career points, which ranks eighth all-time. Red Flash alum Jess Zinobile is the reigning individual scorer with 2,338 career points - the only player to break the 2,000-point barrier in league history.

**NEC ALL-TIME SCORER LIST**

Rank	Player (school)	Points
1.	Jess Zinoble (SFPA)	2,338
2.	Karen Erving (SFNY)	1,929
3.	Amanda Rosato (MON)	1,916
4.	Megan Gardiner (MSM)	1,775
5.	Tamika Dudley (LIU)	1,745
6.	Kia Williams (MSM)	1,732
7.	Mary Markey (SFPA)	1,709
8.	<b>Natallia Marchanka (FDU)</b>	<b>1,652</b>
9.	Colleen Joyce (SFPA)	1,644
10.	Stacy Alexander (SFPA)	1,566

**WAGNER'S JOY GALLAGHER LEADS NCAA IN THREES**

Wagner sophomore three-point specialist **Joy Gallagher (Hazelton, PA)** is currently leading the NEC and the entire nation with 98 three-pointers made this season. Mount's **Myriam Baccouche (Fairfax, VA)** is second in the league with 79. Former LIU standout Kim MacMillan drilled a record 108 in 2001 and 103 in 2000, which rank as the conference's two best seasons all-time.

**NEC SINGLE-SEASON THREE-POINT LIST**

Rank	Player (school)	3s
1.	Kim MacMillan (LIU) (2001)	108
2.	Kim MacMillan (LIU) (2000)	103
3.	<b>Joy Gallagher (WC) (2004)</b>	<b>98</b>
4.	Jean Marie Lesko (Marist) (1996)	96
5.	Amber Wirth (LIU) (2003)	92
6.	Chris Anderson (WC) (1992)	82
7.	Natallia Marchanka (FDU) (2003)	81
8.	Beth DiRenzo (MU) (1991)	80

**ST. FRANCIS (PA) AMONG THE UNBEATEN**

At 18-0, the St. Francis Red Flash looks to be unstoppable as the NEC Tournament approaches. St. Francis has won 22-straight NEC games and became the first team to finish the season unbeaten since Mount St. Mary's swept the NEC with an 18-0 record in 1993-94. In 1986-87 and 1987-88, the first two seasons in NEC women's basketball history, Monmouth ended the regular season 16-0.

**MONMOUTH-MOUNT 204-POINT THRILLER**

On January 31, in one of the more memorable games in NEC history, Mount St. Mary's and Monmouth played three overtime periods with the Hawks eventually capturing a 104-100 win at Emmitsburg, MD. MU's **Niamh Dwyer (Thurles, Ireland)** scored a go-ahead basket with 38 seconds left in the third overtime to lift the Hawks over the Mountaineers. The 204 points scored is one point shy of the NEC record for combined points in a game. On February 23, 2002, Robert Morris topped Fairleigh Dickinson, 106-99. However, it became the first time in NEC women's history where both teams scored more than 100 points in the same game.

**HOME COURT ADVANTAGE**

This season Sacred Heart (14-0) was unbeaten on its home floor, including 9-0 in league play. The Pioneers have won 18-straight regular-season home games dating back to last year. SHU's last loss at the Pitt Center in the regular season came to St. Francis (PA) on Feb. 1, 2003 (*The Pioneers dropped an NEC Tournament game to Long Island at the Pitt Center on March 8, 2003 as the tournament's host*). St. Francis (PA) has not lost an NEC home game since LIU topped St. Francis (PA) on Feb. 9, 2001 - a streak of 22-straight games.

**DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

Quinnipiac's **Ashlee Kelly** and St. Francis (PA) junior **Beth Swink**, argueably the two most dominate players in the NEC, rank 1-2 in total double-doubles on the season. Kelly leagues the pack with 20, while Swink has 14. Kelly led the NEC in double-double last season with 19. Swink was fifth with nine.

**THE 20-20 CLUB**

It's an major accomplishment when a player in any league or level collects a double-double in a game. It's even more impressive when the double-double consists of at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. Two NEC players have reached the mark this season - Wagner's **Carrie Walker (Gibsonia, PA)** and St. Francis (PA)'s **Beth Swink**. Walker was the first to reach 20-20 with 26 points and 20 rebounds versus Lafayette on Dec. 3 before Swink collected 25 points and 20 boards against Niagara on Jan. 3. Interestingly, the feat had not been achieved since the 2000-01 season. The last NEC player to have a 20-20 was reigning NEC Player of the Year **Ashlee Kelly** who had 23 points and 20 rebounds as a freshman for Quinnipiac on Feb. 22, 2001.

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## Quarterfinals

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## Championship

#2 St. Francis (NY) (15-12, 12-6 NEC)

Saturday, March 6  
12:00 pm

#7 Central Conn. State (12-13, 9-9 NEC)

Sunday, March 7  
5:00 pm

#3 Fairleigh Dickinson (16-11, 11-7 NEC)

Saturday, March 6  
2:30 pm

#6 Wagner (13-15, 10-8 NEC)

Wednesday, March 10  
7:00 pm  
ESPN2  
(at higher seed)

#1 Monmouth (18-11, 12-6 NEC)

Saturday, March 6  
5:30 pm

#8 Mount St. Mary's (10-18, 8-10 NEC)

Sunday, March 7  
8:00 pm  
Metro-TV

#4 Robert Morris/St. Francis (PA)

Saturday, March 6  
8:00 pm

#5 Robert Morris/St. Francis (PA)

NEC Champion

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## Semifinals

## Championship

#1 St. Francis (PA) (22-5, 18-0 NEC)

Friday, March 5  
12:00 pm

#8 Mount St. Mary's (9-18, 8-10 NEC)

Sunday, March 7  
12:00 pm  
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#4 Quinnipiac (17-10, 11-7 NEC)

Friday, March 5  
2:30 pm

#5 Fairleigh Dickinson (13-14, 10-8 NEC)

Saturday, March 13  
2:00 pm  
Fox Sports-NY  
(at higher seed)

#2 Sacred Heart (20-7, 14-4 NEC)

Friday, March 5  
5:30 pm

#7 Long Island (11-16, 8-10 NEC)

Sunday, March 7  
2:30 pm

#3 Monmouth (15-12, 11-7 NEC)

Friday, March 5  
8:00 pm

#6 Wagner (11-16, 8-10 NEC)

NEC Champion

## NEC Women's Basketball

### Facts & Figures

#### 2002-03 Final NEC Standings

	School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	St. Francis (PA)*#	16-2	.889	23-8	.742
2.	Quinnipiac*	14-4	.778	18-10	.643
3.	Sacred Heart*	12-6	.667	18-10	.643
	Monmouth*	12-6	.667	18-11	.621
	Long Island*	12-6	.667	15-15	.500
6.	Wagner*	10-8	.556	15-13	.536
7.	UMBC*	9-9	.500	14-16	.467
8.	Mount St. Mary's*	8-10	.445	10-18	.357
9.	Central Connecticut State	7-11	.389	8-20	.286
10.	Fairleigh Dickinson	6-12	.333	7-20	.259
11.	St. Francis (NY)	1-17	.056	2-25	.074
	Robert Morris	1-17	.056	1-26	.037

\* Qualified for NEC Tournament # Won NEC Championship & Regular Season Title

#### NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. St. Francis (PA) (7)
2. Quinnipiac (3)
3. Mount St. Mary's
4. Monmouth
5. Sacred Heart (1)
6. Wagner
7. Long Island
8. Fairleigh Dickinson
9. Central Connecticut State
10. Robert Morris
11. St. Francis (NY)



#### NEC Preseason All-Conference Team

Name	School	CL	Pos.
Beth Foster	Mount St. Mary's	Sr.	F
Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	Sr.	C/F
Natalia Marchanka	Fairleigh Dickinson	Sr.	G
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	Jr.	C
Carrie Walker	Wagner	Sr.	C

#### NEC International Players

Eight of 11 NEC teams feature international student-athletes on its rosters this season. 18 players hail from 13 different countries. Following is a brief breakdown:

Player (Yr)	School	Country
Maria Babaeva (Fr)	CCSU	Russia
Gabrielle Guegbelet (Fr)	CCSU	Central Africa
Deneé Burgess (Fr)	CCSU	Canada
Natalia Marchanka (Sr)	FDU	Belarus
Marijana Draskovic (So)	LIU	Sweden
Lana Kershaw (Jr)	LIU	New Zealand
Polona Oberc (So)	LIU	Slovenia
Goska Radwan (Fr)	LIU	Poland
Masa Susic (Fr)	LIU	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Saule Vadopalaitė (So)	LIU	Lithuania
Niamh Dwyer (So)	MU	Ireland
Nicole Duperron (Fr)	MU	Canada
Kim Fitzpatrick (Jr)	QU	Ireland
Kate Maher (Sr)	SHU	Ireland
Candice Abellard (Jr)	SFNY	Canada
Valentina Ionova (Fr)	SFNY	Cyprus
Kim Weir (Jr)	SFNY	Canada
Joyce Quiroz (So)	WC	Brazil

## NEC Women's Basketball

### 2003 Tournament Information

#### 2004 NEC Tournament

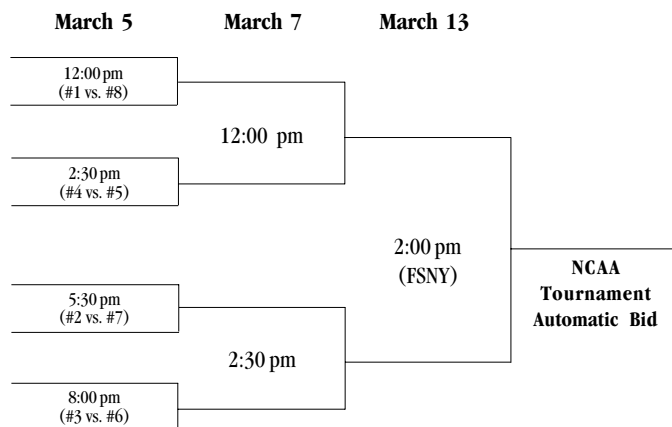
The Northeast Conference Tournament will remain on campus sites for 2003. The quarterfinals will be contested on Friday, March 5 followed by the semifinals on Sunday, March 7, at the Spiros Sports Center on the campus of Wagner College on Staten Island. The NEC Championship game will tipoff at the home of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, March 13 2004 at 2:00 pm. The top eight teams in the regular season will advance to the NEC's own version of March Madness.



#### 2004 NEC Championship

The 2003-04 women's basketball season will be highlighted by the NEC's appearance on Fox Sports-New York. The NEC Tournament Championship game will be televised live for the seventh-straight year. Catch all the action on FSNY on Saturday, March 13, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

#### 2004 NEC Tournament Bracket



Quarterfinals and Semifinals to be played at Wagner College  
Championship to be played at highest remaining seed.

#### Past NEC Champions

2002-03	St. Francis (PA)
2001-02	St. Francis (PA)
2000-01	Long Island
1999-00	St. Francis (PA)
1998-99	St. Francis (PA)
1997-98	St. Francis (PA)
1996-97	St. Francis (PA)
1995-96	St. Francis (PA)
1994-95	Mount St. Mary's
1993-94	Mount St. Mary's
1992-93	Mount St. Mary's
1991-92	Fairleigh Dickinson
1990-91	Robert Morris
1989-90	Fairleigh Dickinson
1988-89	Wagner
1987-88	Robert Morris
1986-87	Monmouth

#1

## St. Francis (PA)

(22-7, 18-0 NEC)



- St. Francis (PA) earns its sixth No. 1 seed after completing the league's fourth unbeaten NEC season at 18-0.
- The Red Flash has won 21 straight NEC Tournament games. Their last loss came in the 1995 NEC Championship game versus Mount St. Mary's (80-61). Ironically, St. Francis (PA) missed the tournament in 2001, finishing 10th in the league standings.
- St. Francis has won seven of the last eight NEC Tournaments. Five times the Flash raised the trophy on its home court. The exceptions include in 2000 at Trenton, NJ (Sovereign Bank Arena) and 1999 at Staten Island, NY (Spiro Sports Center).
- SFU has won 25 games in a row versus NEC opponents including three wins in last season's playoff. The Flash's last loss against an NEC squad came on February 17, 2003 at UMBC.
- Beth Swink became the first St. Francis player to lead the NEC in scoring since Jess Zinoble won back-to-back crowns in 1999 and 2000. Through the regular season, Swink ranks ninth in the nation at 21.4 ppg.
- Through the regular season, St. Francis led the league with a 75.5 scoring average. Sacred Heart was a distant second at 70.1 ppg.
- Since winning its first title in 1995, a stretch of 21 tournament games, St. Francis' average margin of victory is 15.9 points, including only two single-digit wins. The closest any team has come to defeating the Flash was last season when Long Island fell to SFU, 59-53, in the semifinal round at Fairfield, CT.
- Former St. Francis great Jess Zinoble holds the NEC Tournament record by netting 46 points against LIU in the 2000 tournament, the only player to reach at least 40 points in a game.
- Point guard Karen Hewitt leads the NEC and ranks ninth in the nation in assists per game (6.6 apg).

### 2003-04 Meetings

Jan. 24 SFPA 86, Mt. St. Mary's 77  
Feb. 21 SFPA 89, Mt. St. Mary's 66

#4

## Quinnipiac

(17-10, 11-7 NEC)



- Quinnipiac senior Ashlee Kelly led the NEC in double-doubles for the second-straight season with 19 last year and 20 this year.
- QU has made the NEC Tournament each of the last three seasons including a No. 2 seed last year, a No. 6 seed in 2002 and again No. 2 in 2001.
- Kelly is on pace to become the first NEC player to lead the league in rebounding in back-to-back seasons since Rider's Jessica Beck did it three-straight times from 1993-1996. Kelly currently ranks second in the nation in the category at 12.5 per game.
- Twice this season Kelly collected 20 more rebounds twice including a season-best 24 versus Harvard on Jan. 13 and 22 against Fairleigh Dickinson on Jan. 22.
- Over the last four season, Quinnipiac has won 64 games overall, which is more than any four-year period in school history. The Bobcats have also won double-digit NEC games for the last four years, including a high of 14 in 2002-03.
- Kelly has led the Bobcats in rebounding in each of the last nine games entering the tournament and 16 times total during the entire season.
- Freshman Krystal Pressley netted a career-high 28 points to go along with a team-best eight boards in win over Long Island on Feb. 4.
- Junior point guard Kim Fitzpatrick ranks third in the NEC in assists this season (5.44 apg) and is second in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.93 - 1).

### 2003-04 Meeting

Jan. 22 Quinnipiac 71, FDU 45  
Feb. 9 Quinnipiac 83, FDU 75

#8

## Mount St. Mary's

(9-18, 8-10 NEC)



- Mount St. Mary's earns its sixth-straight tournament berth and second-straight No. 8 seed.
- MSM has won three NEC Championships with three-straight from 1993-1995.
- Mount St. Mary's Vanessa Blair is the only active head coach in the NEC to have both played and coached in the NEC Tournament - a total of nine seasons- three as a player for the Mountaineers (1989-92) and six as a coach (1998-04).
- Blair was named to the NEC's All-Century Team during the league's 20th anniversary campaign.
- Mount senior Myriam Baccouche, who ranked second in the NEC in scoring during the regular season with an 18.0 average, tied a single-game league-high with 36 points versus non-conference opponent Radford on Nov. 21. Monmouth's Jewonda Bright had 36 against Sacred Heart on Feb. 26.
- Coming into the season, Mount St. Mary's and St. Francis (PA) each had an NEC record 14 first-team all-conference players in its history, however, the Mount has had a league-best eight NEC Players of the Year, the last being Kia Williams in 2001.
- The Mount has more than 100 more overall wins all-time than its closest rival Wagner, and remarkably has nearly a .700 winning percentage.
- Senior Adrienne Harris ranks fifth in the NEC in scoring at 15.7 points per contest and is the league's sixth active scorer with 1,360 career points.
- Harris

#5

## Fairleigh Dickinson

(13-14, 10-8 NEC)



- Fairleigh Dickinson has two NEC Tournament Champions in 1990 and 1992.
- FDU earns a No. 5 seed after missing the tournament completely in 2003. The last time the Knights had a six-game turnaround from its previous season was in 1995-96 when they compiled a 12-15 record after finishing 7-20 the previous season.
- The Knights have made it to the tournament four out of the last five seasons and have been knocked out in the first round in each of their last three appearances.
- The No. 5 seed is the highest any FDU team has reached since 1992-93 when they were No. 1.
- Senior Natallia Marchanka is the league's active leading scorer with 1,652 career points entering the tournament. Her 17.8 per game scoring average is second to only St. Francis (PA) junior Beth Swink (18.1 ppg).
- With a 10-8 record this season in NEC play, FDU earns its best record since identical marks in 2000 and 2001.
- Kanesha Wright has quietly collected 8.2 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest this season. She currently leads the Knights in field-goal percentage, hitting 90-172 attempts (52.3%).
- Kay Odenwaelder is second in the conference in free-throw percentage (85.1%), Natallia Marchanka is fifth (77.9%) and Jennifer Kozlowski is sixth (77.1%). Despite the sharpshooting by its stars at the line, FDU ranks fifth in the NEC in the category (69.9%).
- The Knight made 22 of 23 (96%) free throws in a 90-48 win versus Central Connecticut on Feb. 7, tying a conference best in a single game.

#2

**Sacred Heart****(20-7, 14-4 NEC)**

- Sacred Heart set a school record with a 14-4 mark in NEC play this season, earning its highest seed in the NEC Tournament since joining the league in 1999. The Pioneers' 20-7 overall record ties a school record originally set in 1995-96 (pre-NEC). Sacred Heart has at least 11 games in conference play since joining the NEC.
- The No. 2 seed is the Pioneers biggest advantage, having swept through its home slate with a 14-0 mark at the Pitt Center. SHU's last loss at home came at last season's semifinal round, falling to LIU, 51-48, at the Pitt Center.
- Despite never finishing below tied for third place in the NEC's final standings since joining the conference, Sacred Heart's lowest seed in the NEC's came in 2000 when the Pioneers slotted in at No. 5.
- Freshman Amanda Pape led rookies with a 15.0 point average during the regular season, which ranked seventh overall in the NEC. The six-time NEC Rookie of the Week honoree, also stood eighth in the league in field-goal percentage (49.6%), 10th in free-throw percentage (72.6%), 10th in rebounding (6.2 rpg) and second in steals (2.48 spg).
- Junior Colleen Duggan guided the NEC with 1.56 blocks per contest this season, including a league-best six at Monmouth on Feb. 26.
- Nicolle Rubino, who ranked eighth in the NEC with 52 steals this season, collected a single-game NEC high of seven thefts at Monmouth on Feb. 26.
- The senior class for the Pioneers have combined to win a school-best 71 games during their four-year careers.
- Ashley Kohl, who has 54 three-pointers on the season, has hit six threes in three straight games and has also hit 24 on the Pioneers' recent five-game winning streak.

**2003-04 Meetings**

Jan. 24 Sacred Heart 75, LIU 52  
Feb. 14 LIU 62, Sacred Heart 57

#3

**Monmouth****(15-12, 11-7 NEC)**

- Monmouth earns the No. 3 seed for the second-straight season and plays Wagner, again in the quarterfinals. The Hawks defeated the Seahawks, 51-48, last season in the quarterfinals, and in 2002, No. 5 Wagner dropped the No. 4 Hawks, 73-59 in the same round.
- The Hawks won their first and only conference championship in 1987, the first season of NEC women's basketball.
- Senior Jewonda Bright tied an NEC single-game high of 36 points against Sacred Heart on Feb. 26. Mount's Myriam Baccouche did the same versus Radford on Nov. 21.
- Junior guard Erin Winston collected six steals in three different games this season. She had six in one NEC game versus St. Francis (NY) on Feb. 11.
- Niamh Dwyer led the Hawks in scoring much of the season, and finished the regular season with a 14.3 scoring average, which ranked ninth in the NEC. She also hit 57 three pointers, good for fifth.
- Monmouth won at least 10 NEC games for the sixth-straight season, posting an 11-7 record.
- The Hawks have played a league-high four overtime games this season and have a 2-2 record in those contests. MU won back-to-back overtime thriller against Mount St. Mary's on Jan. 31 and versus Robert Morris on Feb. 2.
- Monmouth's Linda Wilson earned the league's first NEC Tournament MVP award after leading the Hawks to a championship 17 years ago. That season, Wilson all was the league's Player of the Year.

**2003-04 Meetings**

Jan. 10 Monmouth 77, Wagner 60

#7

**Long Island****(11-16, 8-10 NEC)**

- The No. 7 seed is Long Island's lowest since 1998 (No. 8).
- The Blackbirds are the only team other than St. Francis (PA), since 1995, to win an NEC title, by capturing the crown in 2001 at the Sovereign Bank Arena.
- The Blackbirds have advanced to at least the semifinals a school-record four-straight years after missing the tournament in 1999.
- Freshman point guard Kelli Sawyer, a two-time NEC Rookie of the Week honoree, has scored in double-figures 15 times and has dished at least five assists on 12 occasions.
- The Blackbirds have four players on the team averaging at least 31.6 minutes per game led by Erin Pinchbeck, who has played 1042 of a possible 1090 minutes. She has been substituted for only 13 times this season.
- The Blackbirds this season are 8-4 in games decided by six points or fewer.
- Long Island has won 55 NEC games in the last five season, which is more than any five-year stretch in Blackbird basketball history.
- Long Island had four players average 10.0 or more points this season including Ravin Chase (10.9 ppg), Kelli Sawyer (10.9 ppg), Erin Pinchbeck (10.2 ppg) and Amber Wirth (10.1 ppg).
- Wirth posted a team season-high 23 points versus Central Connecticut State on Jan. 17. She drilled five three-pointers in the win.

#6

**Wagner****(11-16, 8-10 NEC)**

- Wagner retains its No. 6 for the second-straight season, facing No. 3 Monmouth again in the quarterfinals - the third year in a row the teams will meet in the opening round.
- Wagner won its only NEC Tournament Championship in 1989, behind NEC Player of the Year Maureen Coughlin.
- The Seahawks are the only school to have played in all 18 NEC Tournament, dating back to the league's first in 1987.
- Wagner's lowest seed in the NEC Tournament was No. 7 in the 10-team field in 1994.
- Seahawk head coach Tara Gallagher owns more NEC Tournament wins (4) than any active NEC coach.
- Entering the NEC Tournament, sharpshooter Joy Gallagher, no relation to the Seahawks head coach, leads the nation with 98 three-pointers made on the season. Gallagher's total ranks third all-time in NEC annals and needs 11 more to break LIU's Kim MacMillan record of 108 set in 2001.
- On Dec. 30, 2003 versus Boston University, Joy Gallagher drilled 11 three-pointers, one off the NCAA record.
- Sophomore Vanessa Wyffels is on pace to set a league record in field-goal percentage and currently leads the league and ranks second in the nation, making 66.2 percent of her field-goal attempts. St. Francis (PA)'s Beth Swink set the field-goal mark last season at 62.6 percent.
- Wagner became the first team in league history to have three players; Carrie Walker, Joy Gallagher and Vanessa Wyffels, earn NEC Player of the Week honors during a single season.

# NEC Women's Basketball Tournament Preview

## Tournament Time

The NEC Women's Basketball Tournament continues to be on campus this year, with the quarterfinals and semifinals being contested on the campus of Wagner College at the Spiro Sports Center on March 5-7. The last time Wagner hosted the women's tournament was in the newly-constructed Spiro Sports Center in 1999 as part of a combined men's and women's tournament including both championship games. This year, the NEC Championship game will be played at the highest remaining seed on Saturday, March 13, in a matchup that will be aired live on Fox Sports-NY beginning at 2:00 pm. The top eight teams qualify for the tournament. Quarterfinal games at Wagner will take place on Friday, March 5 at 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm, while the semifinals on Sunday, March 7 will tip-off at 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

## NEC Tournament Tidbits

- Seven of eight teams from last year's tournament return in 2004. The only exception is that Fairleigh Dickinson replaces UMBC in this year's field.
- This year features three rematches from last season's quarterfinal round. In 2003, No. 1 St. Francis (PA) defeated No. 8 Mount St. Mary's, 80-63. No. 4 Long Island dropped No. 5 Sacred Heart, 51-48, while No. 3 Monmouth topped No. 6 Wagner, 51-48.
- The lowest seed to ever win an NEC Tournament was Robert Morris in 1991. The Colonials, who entered the tournament as the number 4 seed won its second of two NEC Crowns under head coach Dan Swalga. The '91 Colonials are the only team to win the tournament and finish the season with a below-500 overall record (13-17).
- St. Francis (PA) has the best tournament winning percentage (.862), most tournament wins (25) and most NEC Championships (7) of any conference team.
- Mount St. Mary's ranks second to the Red Flash in all the above mentioned categories with a .607 tournament winning percentage, 17 tournament wins and three NEC Championships. The Mount does have the most semifinal appearances with 12 showings.
- Nine of the 17 NEC Championships have been won by the top seed, while eight titles have been claimed by the #2-#4 seeds.
- St. Francis (PA) won an unprecedented five consecutive NEC Championships from the 1995-96 season through the 1999-2000 campaign. Although the Red Flash missed the NEC Tournament in 2001, they came back in top form in 2002 and 2003 to claim their sixth and seventh league crown. St. Francis (PA) heads into tournament action this year on a 21-game tournament winning streak.
- With 20-plus wins in the same season, St. Francis (PA) (22) and Sacred Heart (20) became just the third duo in NEC history to win 20 or more games in the same season. St. Francis (PA) (23) and Mount St. Mary's (20) reached the feat in 1999-00, after Mount St. Mary's (23) and Fairleigh Dickinson (23) each won 20 or more in 1991-92.
- Mount St. Mary's Vanessa Blair is the only active head coach in the NEC to have both played and coached in the NEC Tournament, a total of nine tournaments-three as a player for the Mountaineers (1989-92) and six as a coach (1998-04).
- Wagner is the only team in the conference to have played in every NEC postseason tournament since the NEC began sponsoring women's basketball in 1986-87. In 17 league playoffs, the Seahawks have advanced to the semifinals nine times, championship four times and have won the title once, in 1989.
- St. Francis (PA)'s Jess Zinobile is the only player in league history to earn Tournament Most Valuable Player honors three times. She won her first award during her rookie campaign in 1997, then was named tourney MVP again in her junior (1999) and senior (2000) seasons.
- Mary Markey of St. Francis (PA) joins Zinobile as the only other multiple NEC Tournament MVP honoree, garnering the award in both 1996 and 1998.
- St. Francis (PA)'s Beth Swink was named NEC Tournament MVP last season, after leading the Red Flash to their seventh NEC Championship.
- Only three players have earned both Tournament MVP and Player of the Year accolades in the same season. Monmouth's Linda Wilson was honored with both awards during the league's inaugural season in 1986-87, followed by Mount St. Mary's Susie Rowlyk in 1993-94 and St. Francis (PA)'s Jess Zinobile in 1999-2000.
- Mount St. Mary's earned the league's first two automatic berths to the NCAA Tournament in 1994 and 1995.
- Sacred Heart's Ashley Kohl tied an NEC Tournament record with six three-point field goals made in the Pioneers quarterfinal win over Quinnipiac two years ago.
- Long Island won its first-ever NEC Championship in 2001, upsetting both the #1 (Mount St. Mary's) and #2 (Quinnipiac) seeds in the process.
- Since turning Division I and entering the NEC in 1999-2000, Sacred Heart has earned five consecutive postseason tournament berths.
- Including this year, QU has appeared in five of six NEC Tournaments since joining the league in 1998-99. QU had its best tournament showing in 2001, falling to eventual champion LIU in overtime during the semifinals.
- Former St. Francis (PA) head coach Jenny Przekwas, who guided the Red Flash to four-consecutive NEC Championships (1995-99), has the most tournament wins in league history with 16. Mount St. Mary's head coach Bill Sheahan (1990-98) is second with 14.

# NEC Women's Basketball Tournament Preview

## The Seed Report

In the 16 years since the NEC has hosted a women's tournament, the #1 seed has captured the crown nine times, while the #2 seed has won five tournaments. The lowest seed to win the title was #4 Robert Morris in 1991. Here's a breakdown of who has won what throughout the years.

Seed	Winner	Year	Seed	Winner	Year
#1	Monmouth	1987	#2	St. Francis (PA)	1996
#2	Robert Morris	1988	#1	St. Francis (PA)	1997
#1	Wagner	1989	#1	St. Francis (PA)	1998
#3	Fairleigh Dickinson	1990	#2	St. Francis (PA)	1999
#4	Robert Morris	1991	#1	St. Francis (PA)	2000
#2	Fairleigh Dickinson	1992	#3	Long Island	2001
#2	Mount St. Mary's	1993	#1	St. Francis (PA)	2002
#1	Mount St. Mary's	1994	#1	St. Francis (PA)	2003
#1	Mount St. Mary's	1995			

## Seeding News, Part 2

Following is a list of first round matchups from the past 17 years of the NEC Tournament (1987-2003) and how the seeding has held up. For the years 1987-93, the tournament was comprised of six teams and therefore the top two seeds received byes. In 1994-97, ten teams comprised the tournament, with #8/9 seed and #7/10 seeds vying for a slot against the #1 and #2 seeds. From 1998-2000, the tournament consisted of eight teams. In 2001, seven teams competed for the NEC title, with the #1 seed receiving a bye in first round action. Two years ago, the tournament format went back to eight teams qualifying.

#1 vs. #8/9	#2 vs. #7/10	#3 vs. #6	#4 vs. #5
#1 has won 9	#2 has won 9	#3 has won 13	#4 has won 11
#8/9 has won 0	#7/10 has won 1 *	#6 has won 4	#5 has won 6

\* #7 UMBC def. #2 Quinnipiac in 2003 (66-47)

## Tournament Records

Here is how the eight teams have fared in NEC Tournament competition.

Seed	School	Tournament Record	Semifinal Appearances	Championship Appearances	Championships
#1	St. Francis (PA)	25-4 (.862)	9	9	7
#2	Sacred Heart	2-4 (.333)	2	0	0
#3	Monmouth	13-13 (.500)	11	4	1
#4	Quinnipiac	1-4 (.200)	1	0	0
#5	Fairleigh Dickinson	8-11 (.421)	6	3	2
#6	Wagner	14-16 (.466)	9	4	1
#7	Long Island	10-9 (.526)	5	2	1
#8	Mount St. Mary's	17-11 (.607)	12	7	3

## NCAA Tournament Appearances

The NEC Tournament champion has received an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament since the 1993-94 season. Mount St. Mary's recieved NCAA Tournament appearances in 1994 and 1995 and then St. Francis (PA) went on a five-year string and appeared in the NCAA Tournament from 1996-2000. Long Island made its first showing in the NCAA opening round in 2001, before the Red Flash returned to NCAA Tournament play last season. The NEC has yet to win an opening round game. The highest an NEC team has been seeded is #13, which occurred in 1995 when Mount St. Mary's was seeded #13 in the East Region. The NEC has been placed in the East Region five times, Midwest Region three times and Mideast Region twice, including last season. Here's a breakdown of the NEC's NCAA Tournament results.

March 16, 1994 (Midwest Region)	#3 Iowa defeated #14 Mount St. Mary's, 70-47
March 16, 1995 (East Region)	#4 Alabama defeated #13 Mount St. Mary's, 82-55
March 15, 1996 (Midwest Region)	#2 Georgia defeated #15 St. Francis (PA), 98-66
March 14, 1997 (East Region)	#2 Alabama defeated #15 St. Francis (PA), 94-50
March 13, 1998 (East Region)	#1 Old Dominion defeated #16 St. Francis (PA), 92-39
March 12, 1999 (East Region)	#1 Connecticut defeated #16 St. Francis (PA), 97-46
March 17, 2000 (Midwest Region)	#3 Iowa State defeated #14 St. Francis (PA), 92-63
March 17, 2001 (East Region)	#1 Connecticut defeated #16 Long Island, 101-29
March 16, 2002 (Mideast Region)	#1 Connecticut defeated #16 St. Francis (PA), 86-37
March 23, 2003 (Mideast Region)	#2 Villanova defeated #15 St. Francis (PA), 51-36

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## Facts & Figures

### NEC Top Scoring Duos *(through March 1)*

Players	School	Combined PPG
Beth Swink/Tonjee Ward	St. Francis (PA)	36.7
Myriam Baccouche/Adrianne Harris	Mount St. Mary's	33.7
Ashlee Kelly/Sara Esidore	Quinnipiac	32.3

### Leading Active NEC Scorers *(through March 1)*

Player	School	Cl	Points
Natalia Marchanka	FDU	Sr.	1,652 (8th all-time)
Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	Sr.	1,522
Sara Esidore	Quinnipiac	Sr.	1,407
Myriam Baccouche	Mount St. Mary's	Sr.	1,383
Tonjee Ward	St. Francis (PA)	Sr.	1,380
Adrienne Harris	Mount St. Mary's	Sr.	1,360
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	Jr.	1,357

### Leading Active NEC Rebounders *(through February 22)*

Player	School	Cl	Rebounds
Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	Sr.	1,053 (5th all-time)
Carrie Walker	Wagner	Sr.	798
Beth Foster	Mount St. Mary's	Sr.	760
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	Jr.	716

### Leading Active NEC Assists *(through February 22)*

Player	School	Cl	Assists
Karen Hewitt	St. Francis (PA)	Sr.	550 (2nd all-time)
Natalia Marchanka	FDU	Sr.	492 (5th all-time)
Ashley Linscott	Wagner	Sr.	477 (6th all-time)
Adrienne Harris	Mount St. Mary's	Sr.	314

### RPI Rankings

*www.collegerpi.com (thru Mar. 1)*

*WBCA (thru Feb. 29)*

NEC	26th out of 31	NEC	27th out of 31
St. Francis (PA)	89 out of 324	St. Francis (PA)	91 out of 324
Sacred Heart	145	Quinnipiac	152
Quinnipiac	156	Sacred Heart	155
Monmouth	220	Monmouth	220
Fairleigh Dickinson	224	Fairleigh Dickinson	231
Long Island	239	Long Island	232
Wagner	242	Wagner	251
Mount St. Mary's	276	Mount St. Mary's	280
St. Francis (NY)	287	St. Francis (NY)	293
Central Conn. St.	309	Central Conn. St.	312
Robert Morris	319	Robert Morris	321

### 2003-04 NEC Single - Game Season Highs

Category	Player (School)	High	Team Against (Date)
Points	Myriam Baccouche (MSM)	36	Radford (11/21/03)
	Jewonda Bright (MU)	36	Sacred Heart (2/26/04)
FG Made	Vanessa Wyffels (WC)	15	at CCSU (01/19/04)
3P Made	Joy Gallagher (WC)	11	Boston Univ. (12/30/03)
FT Made	Ashlee Kelly (QU)	20	Mount St. Mary's (01/10/04)
Rebounds	Ashlee Kelley (QU)	24	Harvard (01/13/04)
Assists	Karen Hewitt (SFPA)	16	St. Francis (NY) (01/10/04)
Steals	Nicolle Rubino (SHU)	7	at Monmouth (2/26/04)
Blocked Shots	Colleen Duggan (SHU)	6	at Monmouth (2/26/04)

### NEC Double-Doubles Leaders

Player	School	Total
Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	20
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	14
Gabriella Guegbelet	Central Conn. St.	12
Vanessa Wyffels	Wagner	6
Carrie Walker	Wagner	6
Jewonda Bright	Monmouth	5

### NEC Tournament INDIVIDUAL Records

Category	Player (school)	No.	Year
Points	Jess Zinoble (SFPA)	46	2000
Field Goals	Diane Campbell (FDU)	15	1987
	Linda Wilson (MON)	15	1987
Field-Goal Attempts	Tamika Dudley (LIU)	29	2003
Three-Point Field Goals	Kim MacMillan (LIU)	6	2000
	Ashley Kohl (SHU)	6	2003
Three-Point Attempts	Amanda Rosato (MON)	19	2000
Rebounds	Sally O'Donnell (SFPA)	19	1995
Assists	Kerry Dressel (FDU)	12	1988
Steals	Colleen Demarest (RID)	9	1996
Blocks	Sandra Cook (MON)	7	1988
	Vanessa Blair (MSM)	7	1990
Free Throws	Christa Ciriani (MON)	16	1994
Free Throw Attempts	Christa Ciriani (MON)	21	1994

### NEC Tournament TEAM Records

Category	Team (Opponent)	No.	Date
Most Points, One Team	St. Francis (PA) (MU)	92	3/10/94
	Monmouth (SFNY)	92	3/6/1987
Most Points, Two Teams	SFPA 92, MON 78	170	3/10/1994
Fewest Points, One Team	Monmouth (UMBC)	40	3/9/03
Fewest Points, Two Teams	UMBC 48, MON 44	88	3/9/03
Largest Margin of Victory	FDU 79, Loyola 48	31	3/4/87
Rebounds	St. Francis (PA) (LIU)	59	3/7/95
Assists	Mount St. Mary's (RID)	25	3/10/94
Steals	Rider (WC)	22	3/7/95
Blocks	Monmouth (SFNY)	12	3/6/87

## OTHERS TO WATCH

Fairleigh Dickinson junior **Kay Odenwaelder (Goshen, CT)** and senior **Jennifer Kozlowski (Linwood, PA)** are nice complements to team leader Natallia Marchanka. Odenwaelder, not only ranks 13th in NEC in both scoring (11.6 ppg) and rebounding (5.5 rpg), she ranks first in the NEC and 17th in the nation in free-throw percentage (85.7%). Remarkably, Odenwaelder has made 90-105 free throws this season. Kozlowski, on the other hand, has the 17th best scoring average in the NEC (10.8 ppg) and is 11th in three-pointers with 40.

Long Island enters the tournament with four players averaging double-figures, amazingly by a spread of just 10.9-10.1 points per contest. **Ravin Chase (Baltimore, MD / Randallstown)** leads the pack at 10.9 per game followed by two-time NEC Rookie of the Week winner **Kelli Sawyer (Philadelphia, PA / Friends Select)** at 10.8 ppg. **Erin Pinchbeck (Albany, NY / Guilderland)** is at 10.2 ppg, while **Amber Wirth (Hastings, MN / Hastings)** is at 10.1 ppg. Chase has scored in double-figures 17 times this season after doing so only five times in the previous two years. The junior is averaging 12.1 points and 6.9 rebounds in 14 road games this season.

Monmouth senior **Jewonda Bright (Norfolk, VA / Norview)** is playing her best basketball. Over the last five games, Bright is averaging 15.2 points and 7.6 rebounds, while shooting 59.6 percent from the field and 80.0 percent from the free-throw line. In the highest scoring game of the season, Bright collected 36 points and 15 rebounds in a double-overtime thriller against Sacred Heart on Feb. 26. On the season, the senior ranks 12th in the NEC in scoring (11.9 ppg), fourth in rebounding (7.7 rpg) and fourth in field-goal percentage (56.4%).

Mount St. Mary's senior **Adrienne Harris (Richmond, VA / Largo {MD})** is one of the top guards in the NEC. The 5-4 sparkplug, is among the NEC leaders in several different statistical categories. For the season, Harris stands fifth in league in scoring (15.7 ppg), 10th in field-goal accuracy (45.6%), second in free-throw percentage (84.9%), eighth in assists (3.74 apg) and third in steals (2.44 spg). Harris has compiled 1,360 career points (7th on the NEC list) and 314 assists (4th).

Quinnipiac forward **Sara Esidore (Portland, CT / Portland)** is closing out her senior season in strong fashion. The league's eighth leading scorer at 14.5 ppg, is averaging a team-high 17 points over the last five Quinnipiac contests and is shooting 46.4 percent from the field and 44.4 percent from downtown. Esidore has scored double-figures in nine straight games including a 31-points effort against St. Francis (PA) on Valentine's Day.

Sacred Heart guard **Nicolle Rubino (Port Jefferson, NY / Comsewogue)**, the 2003 NEC Rookie of the Year, has had a strong second season for the Pioneers, averaging 11.6 points per game (13th in NEC), which adds to her all-around game. Rubino has collected 52 steals and 77 assists on the season, second on the squad. She also ranks eighth in the league in three-point percentage (36.4%) and 10th in three-pointers made (43).

Point guard **Karen Hewitt (Cincinnati, OH / Cincinnati Hills)** will graduate as one of the best distributors in conference history, if not the best. With 555 assists for her four-year career, Hewitt ranks second all-time behind St. Francis (NY)'s Sandy Salerno (1987-91), who dished out 589. This season, Hewitt ranks 12th in the nation in assists per game at 6.6. Sure handed, Hewitt holds the best assist-to-turnover ratio in the NEC, handing out 2.05 assists for every one turnover. She ranked third in the category last season (1.85).

Wagner senior and 2003 first-team All-NEC member **Carrie Walker (Gibsonia, PA / Pine-Richland)**, missed 11 games this season due a thumb, and returned to action on Feb. 26 versus St. Francis (PA). If her season averages remain true, the Seahawks will be a tough six seed on its home floor. On the year, the center is averaging 16.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per contest. With Walker out of the lineup, the Seahawks were 4-7.

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#### NEC in NCAA Statistics

(Through games of March 1)



#### Individual Category

Player	School	Rank	Statistics
<i>Points Per Game</i>			
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	9th	21.4 ppg
Myriam Baccouche	Mount St. Mary's	51st	18.0 ppg
Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	56th	17.8 ppg
Natallia Marchanka	FDU	89th	16.6 ppg

#### *Rebounds Per Game*

Ashlee Kelly	Quinnipiac	2nd	12.5 rpg
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	27th	10.0 rpg
Gabriella Guebelet	Central Conn. St.	33rd	9.9 rpg

#### *Assists Per Game*

Karen Hewitt	St. Francis (PA)	12th	6.6 apg
Natallia Marchanka	FDU	25th	5.7 apg
Kim Fitzpatrick	Quinnipiac	36th	5.4 apg
Ashley Linscott	Wagner	47th	5.1 apg

#### *Field-Goal Percentage*

Vanessa Wyffels	Wagner	2nd	66.2%
Beth Swink	St. Francis (PA)	11th	59.7%

#### *Free-Throw Percentage*

Kay Odenwaelder	FDU	17th	85.7%
Adrienne Harris	Mount St. Mary's	23rd	84.9%

#### *Three-Point Field Goals Per Game*

Joy Gallagher	Wagner	1st	3.6
Myriam Baccouche	Mount St. Mary's	11th	2.9
Natallia Marchanka	FDU	22nd	2.7
Jenna Burkett	Robert Morris	43rd	2.4

#### Team Category (top 20)

	School	Rank	Statistics
<i>Scoring</i>	St. Francis (PA)	12th	75.5 ppg
<i>Scoring Margin</i>	St. Francis (PA)	19th	+13.5
<i>Won-Lost Percentage</i>	St. Francis (PA)	14th	81.5%
<i>Assists Per Game</i>	St. Francis (PA)	2nd	19.4 apg
<i>Personal Fouls Per Game</i>	St. Francis (PA)	13th	14.4 fpg
<i>Three-Point Field Goal Pct.</i>	Sacred Heart	8th	38.6%